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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer and am very opposed to changes that will eliminate competition in the broadband space. We have purposefully opted to chose a small local provider for these services. Our provider, Sonic, provides much better and more price competitive service than we ever experienced with our previous providers, which included ATT and cable companies.

USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Within their petition they claimed: "in the residential marketplace competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from section 251(c) (3) because there is effectively no UNE-based competition in the residential market."

This statement is FALSE in our market. If the FCC makes this change, it will eliminate our ability as consumers to chose a small provider in a competitive market and we will once again be forced to choose a monopolistic entity, with resulting increased prices and degradation of service.

Thank you very much.

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